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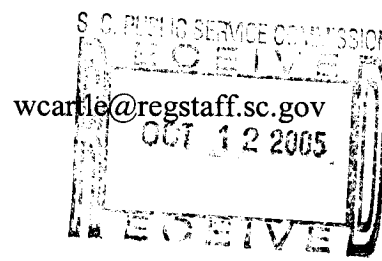
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October 11, 2005

VIA U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210



Re: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service
Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please find enclosed for filing the Office of Regulatory Staff's Fourth Continuing Data Request with respect to the above referenced matter. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service, we are serving counsel for Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it to us via courier.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Wendy B. Cartledge
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WEC/pkr
Enclosures

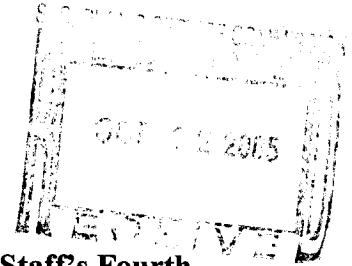
cc: John M.S. Hoefer, Esquire

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005- 217 -W/S

IN RE:

Application of Utilities Services)	
Of South Carolina, Inc. for)	
Approval of New Schedule of)	Office of Regulatory Staff's Fourth
Rates and Charges for Water)	Continuing Data Request
And Sewerage Service Provided)	
to its Customers)	
_____)	



TO: John M.S. Hoefer, Esquire, Counsel for the Applicant, Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Office of Regulatory Staff hereby requests, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-853 (Supp. 2003), that the Applicant answer the following data requests in writing and under oath within ten (10) days after service at the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. If you are unable to respond to any of the data requests, or part or parts thereof, please specify the reason for your inability to respond and state what other knowledge or information you have concerning the unanswered portion.

As used in these data requests, "identify" means, when asked to identify a person or an entity, to provide the full name, title, and current address and telephone number. When asked to identify a document, "identify" means to provide a full and detailed description of the document and the name and address of the person who has custody of the document. In lieu of providing a full and detailed description of a document, you may attach to your responses a copy of the document and identify the person who has custody of it. When the word "document" is used herein, it means any written, printed, typed, graphic, photographic, or electronic matter of any kind or nature and includes, but is not limited to, statements,

contracts, agreements, reports, opinions, graphs, books, records, letters, correspondence, notes, notebooks, minutes, diaries, memoranda, transcripts, photographs, pictures, photomicrographs, prints, negatives, motion pictures, sketches, drawings, publications, and tape recordings. As used in this data request, "address" means mailing address and business address.

Wherever in this data request a masculine pronoun or possessive adjective appears, it refers to both males and females in accordance with traditional English usage.

IT IS HEREIN REQUESTED:

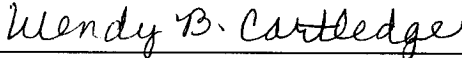
- A. That all information shall be provided to the undersigned in the format as requested.
- B. That all responses to the requests below be labeled using the same numbers as used herein.
- C. That each of the enumerated data requests be reproduced at the beginning of each of the responses.
- D. That if the requested information is found in other places or in other exhibits, reference not be made to those, but instead, that the information be reproduced and placed in the data request in the appropriate sequence.
- E. That any inquiries or communications relating to questions concerning clarifications of the data requested below be directed to the undersigned.
- F. That all exhibits be reduced to 8 ½" x 11" format, where practical.
- G. That the requested information be bound in ring binders (loose leaf notebooks) or otherwise suitably bound.
- H. That in addition to the signature and verification at the close of the Applicant's responses, the Applicant witness(es) or employee(s) responsible for the information contained in each response be indicated.
- I. That the Applicant provide to the Office of Regulatory Staff two copies of the responses to this data request as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days after service thereof.

- J. If the response to any data request is that the information requested is not currently available, please state when the information requested will be available.
- K. This data request shall be deemed to be continuing so as to require the Applicant to supplement or amend its responses as any additional information becomes available.

QUESTIONS

1. As referenced in response to ORS' First Set of Continuing Data Requests in Attachment to 1.13 for the Acquisition Adjustment, provide the purchase agreement showing the purchase price of \$5,292,924 for the acquisition of South Carolina Water and Sewer, LLC, Utilities of South Carolina, Inc. and U.S. Utilities, Inc. Has USSC received approval from the Commission to book an acquisition adjustment?
2. As referenced in response to ORS' First Set of Continuing Data Requests in Attachment to 1.4. for plant restatement, explain the relationship of U.S. Utilities, Inc. to Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc., South Carolina Water and Sewer, LLC, and Utilities of South Carolina, Inc.?
3. Provide the restatement of accumulated depreciation using South Carolina Water and Sewer, LLC and Utilities of South Carolina, Inc. accumulated depreciation and depreciation rates as approved by the SC Public Service Commission under Order Nos. 1994-430 (Heater Utilities, Inc.), 1995-1330 (Blue Ribbon Water Corporation), and 1997-232 (Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc.).

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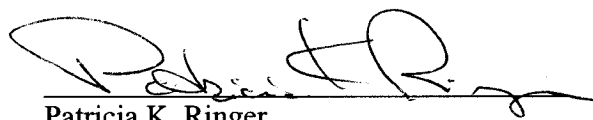
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IN RE:

Application of Utilities Services of)
SC, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and)
Charges and Modifications to Certain)
Terms and Conditions for the) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**
Provision of Water and Sewer Service)
_____)

This is to certify that I, Patricia K. Ringer, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **OFFICE OF THE REGULATORY STAFF'S FOURTH CONTINUING DATA REQUEST** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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Patricia K. Ringer

October 11, 2005
Columbia, South Carolina